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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting

Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Jim Marugg, Vice-Chair

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Thursday, September 11, 2014

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedic Agency
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Co.
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Workman, R.N., Debra – Paramedic Training Agency

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Conte, R.N., Meredith
Smith, R.N., Susan

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

Agency Representatives

Hums, Jason – Southwestern Community College
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Broyles, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the minutes from April 10, 2014. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Mike Rice reported that there have been no changes. Over the last few years off load continues to get better.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

A. Public Health ongoing accreditation process.
During the next six (6) months there will be policy review during the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meetings.

B. Review of Policies – Meredith Conte and Brett Eldridge

1. S-022, Infant Safe Surrender

- No major changes
- California Health and Safety Code up-to-date with the policy.

Motion made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Chris Wells to approve and forward S-022 to the full EMCC meeting on September 25, 2014.

2. S-831, Permit Appeal Process

- Changes were made to bring the policy in-line with the current Ambulance Ordinance.
- Procedure: Denial of Issuance of Permit - added appeals within five (5) working days of the hearing. Added reapplication considered after a minimum of twelve (12) months or 365 days after the date of initial denial.

3. N-840, Non-Emergency Medical Transport Wheelchair/Gurney Van Provider's Permit Application Process

- Added that the permit will be done in accordance with the Ambulance Ordinance.
- Policy description update: *Additional requirements if any shall be listed below.*
- Deleted Permit Process from the policy to eliminate contradicting information when the Ambulance Ordinance is updated.

4. N-841, Non-Emergency Medical Transport Wheelchair/Gurney Van Service Requirements

Changes made are similar to N-840 above. Requirements are listed in the current Ambulance Ordinance.

A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Mike Rice to approve the changes made to S-831, N-840 and N-841, and to forward them to the full EMCC meeting on September 25, 2014.

C. STAFF REPORT – Susan Smith

A. Susan thanked everyone that participated in the adult protocol review. The Pediatric protocol review meeting is September 18, 2014 from 1:00-5:00 pm.

- B. There were no updates on the Community Paramedicine (CP) Projects.
- C. The EMS Commission meeting is September 17, 2014, 10 am at the Kona Kai Resort on Shelter Island. They will be discussing the appeal process.
- D. Information on Ebola was sent out by Dr. Haynes to hospitals and personnel in the field.
- E. The Sheriff pilot project for Deputies to use narcan on suspected narcotic overdose has had five (5) occurrences. QI documentation will add a question regarding patient ventilation.
- F. Focus groups have concluded the prehospital assessment.
- G. January 8, 2015 is the date to move to NEMSIS 3.0 for documentation and collection of data. Changes include language and definition standardization.

Additional items

1. iQCS will preload the problematic issues that are causing the lag in the system. Report printing problems to the help desk.
2. Debi Workman mentioned that the Palomar Community College site visit for accreditation is on October 27 and 28, 2014.

D. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on October 9, 2014.

Submitted by

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County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services